Additional Track between Ahmedabad and Mumbai

2077. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railways propose to provide an additional track between Ahemdabad and Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal;

(c) the time frame envisaged for completion of the same; and

(d) the budgetary provision made and proposed for completion of the said project in the proposed time frame ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (d) A survey for construction of 3rd line between Virar and Ahmedabad has already been completed. The work of construction of 3rd line between Surat and Kosamba has been taken up as Phase-I work. An outlay of Rs. 2 Cr. has been provided in the Budget 2001-02 to progress the works planned during the year. No time frame has been fixed for completion of this work. It would be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources.

Work on construction of 5th line between Santacruz and Borivali and 3rd and 4th lines between Borivali and Virar are also in progress. An outlay of Rs. 2 Cr. and 40 Cr. respectively has been allotted to these works. Work on 5th line between Santacruz and Borivali is expected to be completed by March, 2002. Work on 3rd and 4th lines between Borivali and Virar will be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources.

Wagon Orders

2078. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE;
SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether wagon orders for this year have been placed on wagon manufacturing PSUs in September, 2001 only;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in placement of orders;

(c) if not, the actual date of placement of orders;

(d) whether any compensation has been sought from Railways for financial loss caused to these companies, because of the delay in placement of orders; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?